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SUBJECT: DETENTIONS: NGWENYA AND ZWANE

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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THOMAS B. NGWENYA, WHO WAS REPORTED REFTTEL AS BEING DECLARED PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT, WAS DEPORTED TO SOUTH AFRICA JUNE 28. REPORTEDLY, KING SOBHUZA HAD SENT SEVERAL EMISSARIES TO NGWENYA ADVISING HIM THAT HE COULD REMAIN IN SWAZILAND AND ALL WOULD BE FORGIVEN IF HE WOULD RENOUNCE HIS OPPOSITIN AND DECLARE LOYALTY TO NGWENYAMA. NGWENYA REPORTEDLY REMAINED ADAMANT IN INTENTION TO PURSUE HIS CAUSE IN COURT, WHEREUPON ACTION WAS TAKEN TO HAVE HIM DECLARED A PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT AND DEPORTED TO SOUTH AFRICA. ACTION WAS TAKEN UNDER KING'S ORDER-IN-COUNCIL OF MAY 11, 1973 (RETROACTIVE TO NOVEMBER 12, 1972) WHICH REINSTATED SPECIAL TRIBUNAL SET UP UNDER TERMS OF 1972 AMENDMENT TO IMMIGRATION ACT WHICH HAD FOUND NGWENYA TO BE "NOT A CITIZEN OF SWAZILAND."

2. IN SEPARATE MOVEMENT ON DETENTIONS, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT AMBROSE ZWANE, LEADER OF OPPOSITION PARTY NNLC, WHO IS CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROACHING END OF 60-DAY TERM OF DETENTION IS LIKELY TO BE RELEASED WITHIN WEEK. ONE UNLIKELY RUMOR HAS IT THAT ZWANE IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT KING'S OFFER OF AMNESTY AND DECLARE HIS LOYALTY. THIS CONSIDERED IMPROBABLE IN VIEW OF ZWANE'S

LONG HISTORY AS OPPOSITION LEADER. POLICE SOURCE REPORTS THAT ZWANE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE REINCARCERATED FOR ANOTHER 60-DAY TERM OF DETENTION UNLESS HE COMMITS ANOTHER OFFENSE IN VIOLATION OF KING'S ORDER-IN-COUNCIL BANNING POLITICAL ACTIVITY. STILL PENDING AGAINST ZWANE, HOWEVER, IS A CASE WHICH COMES TO COURT IN JULY CHARGING HIM WITH DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER (OF PRIME MINISTER).

3. REMAINING IN DETENTION BESIDES ZWANE ARE FOUR MEN, INCLUDING AFRICA MHLANGA AND THREE OTHERS DESCRIBED AS "SMALL FISH" BY ONE POLICE SOURCE WHO STATES IT LIKELY THEY WILL BE RELEASED WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION AFTER 60-DAYS DETENTION.
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